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**TOHONO O'ODHAM WOMAN SENTENCED TO 21 MONTHS IN  
PRISON FOR AIDING AND ABETTING AN ASSAULT WITH A  
DANGEROUS WEAPON WITH INTENT TO DO BODILY HARM**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Sarina L. Lopez, 25, of Tucson, Arizona, was sentenced on July 31, 2006, to 21 months in prison, by United States District Judge Jorgenson. Defendant had entered a plea of guilty to the charge on March 27, 2006.

Lopez had been charged with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 2, 113(a)(3) and 1153, in that she had participated with two other co-defendants in an aggravated assault upon a third person on July 29, 2004, on the Tohono O'odham Nation. All persons involved were members of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Lopez and her two co-defendants had located the victim at the small village of Pan Tak, west of Tucson. They entered the residence where the victim was visiting. Lopez then threw a chair at the victim, and helped in knocking her to the ground. Lopez held the victim on the floor while one of the other co-defendants assaulted the victim with a mop stick. The victim suffered physical injuries and had to be treated in an emergency room at a Tucson hospital.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Tohono O'odham Police Department.

The prosecution was handled by David Paul Flannigan, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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